



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
**2011 NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA
ROOSEVELT ELK HUNT**



General Information: Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Northwestern California Roosevelt Elk Hunt! We hope that your hunt will be a successful one. A very small number of elk occur on rugged public land within the hunt area, but most occur on private property. Hunter success on public land is very low. If you intend to hunt on private property, we encourage you to arrange **written** trespass permission with a landowner well in advance of the hunt. Information regarding the regulations for this hunt may be found at

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk/roosevelt/northwestern.html>

Public Landowner Contacts: Public lands within the zone that allow hunting are administered by the United States Forest Service (USFS), Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501 (707-442-1721), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521 (707-825-2300).

Maps: USFS maps are available locally at most USFS offices; by contacting the USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Office at: 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 (707-562-8737); or ordered by phone (406-329-3024), fax (406-329-3030), mail at USDA Forest Service, National Forest Store, P.O. Box 8268, Missoula, MT 59807, or on-line at <http://www.nationalforeststore.com/>. Maps of the Six Rivers National Forest or BLM lands within the zone may be obtained from the USFS or BLM, or from many local sporting goods retailers in the area. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps may be helpful for detailing topographic features not displayed on USFS or BLM maps. Detailed USGS quad maps covering any portion of the hunt area, including private property, may be obtained from local sporting goods retailers or from the USGS directly: USGS Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225 (888-ASK-USGS) or online (<http://store.usgs.gov/>). Maps may also be obtained from other online or mapping-software publishers.

Weather: Weather conditions are variable and may range from heavy rain and fog with cool temperatures through clear skies and warm temperatures.

Camping: Contact the USFS or BLM regarding camping on their ownerships. Public campgrounds also exist within local State and National Parks, but they should be consulted regarding restrictions on firearms and the possession of game. Numerous private campgrounds open to hunters also exist within the area.

Outfitters and Guides: Outfitters and guides offer a variety of services for elk hunters. Many have limited space so be sure to contact them as soon as possible to reserve their services. It is your responsibility to verify any guides you retain have a **current guide license** issued by the Department of Fish and Game. If you plan to hunt on US Forest Service property your guides will also need to be **permitted** with the US Forest Service. Failure to verify the proper licenses required may result in a citation to both the hunter and guide. A list

of licensed guides can be obtained online (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/>). Scroll down to the Related Information section and select Big Game Guide List.

Care of Meat: Roosevelt elk are large animals. The weight of adult bulls average over 660 pounds with large bulls exceeding 1,000 pounds. Please consider that field dressing and transporting a harvested elk from the field can be very arduous work. In addition, black bears are common in the hunt area so hunters should be prepared to avoid leaving a harvested carcass in the field overnight in a manner accessible to bears. Please be prepared to transport the carcass out of the field in a timely manner and properly hang those portions that must be left out overnight. We recommend that hunters who are inexperienced with handling game as large as elk acquire the knowledge needed to do so successfully prior to going out into the field. Department staff is available to answer questions that you may have, and information may be obtained from experienced hunters, sporting goods stores, and literature. Cold storage and meat processing facilities may be found in several towns including: Eureka, Arcata, Crescent City, Loleta, and Ferndale.

Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm, even with mild temperatures an improperly handled carcass can lead to spoilage. The weather and the steep, rugged terrain within the hunt area make it critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or de-bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in fly proof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Failure to properly care for or remove all edible portions of a harvested animal can lead to a violation of the Fish and Game Code. Be prepared to remove all portions of a harvested animal in a timely fashion to prevent wanton waste, violators will be cited.

Tooth Collection: The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number. Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year.

Deer Season Overlap: Please be aware that the timing of this hunt partially overlaps the B-1 and B-4 deer seasons. Depending where and when you hunt, you may encounter deer hunters in the field.

Additional Information: All hunters **MUST** return elk tags to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season regardless whether they harvested an elk.

If you have any questions regarding this hunt, please contact Wildlife Management staff at our Eureka office, 619 Second Street, Eureka, California 95501 or by telephone (707) 445-6493. Again, congratulations and we hope you have an enjoyable hunt.